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SB 1151 (Hall) Emergency Response Feasibility Study
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ISSUE

In California, disasters come in a variety of forms. Earthquakes, wild fires, storms, landslides, mudslides, tsunamis, broken levees and flooding have all tested California's tenacity and capacity to respond. Emergency response services during a declared disaster are vital to California's ability to recover and overcome these incidents. With the frequency and range of disasters in California, we must take every step possible to ensure a rapid and efficient emergency response.

SOLUTION

SB 1151 requires the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to study the feasibility of utilizing the United States Postal Service (USPS) staff to assist during a declared disaster or emergency.

USPS employees can provide critical information in times of a declared disaster or emergency. This information may include identification of residential or commercial structure damage, identification of persons who reside in a damaged area, identification of any medical or physical needs of persons injured, assistance in assessing damage to neighborhoods or schools and other activities that OES deems necessary to assist in responding to a declared disaster.

SB 1151 could help enhance California's emergency response services by providing additional support and assistance to communities impacted by a natural disaster or emergency.

SUPPORT

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